

Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals & Energy
Virginia Gas and Oil Board

[Minutes and results of hearing, February 20, 2007]

Board members present (Quorum was established): Ms. Barber, Mr. Prather, Ms. Quillen, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Wampler

NOTE: Docket items 1 through 19 were combined for hearing and consideration by the Board

1. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for re-pooling of coalbed methane unit A-31, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-06-1219-1849-01. Continued from January.

In the A31 80-acre unit, the applicant claims control of 28.7% of the coal and gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 71.3% of the interests. Unleased acreage subject to pooling totals 57.1 net acres in two tracts with 12 unleased owner There are conflicting claimants subject to escrow. The unit was originally pooled by GeoMet on 12/19/06, and GeoMet was named operator of the unit. No application for permit to drill the unit has been submitted. The petition was denied.

2. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for re-pooling of coalbed methane unit B-52, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-06-1219-1843-01. Continued from January.

In the B52 64.55-acre unit, the applicant claims control of 79.7% of the coal and gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 20.3% of the interests. Unleased acreage subject to pooling totals 16.2 net acres in one tract with eight unleased owner There are conflicting claimants subject to escrow. The unit was originally pooled by GeoMet on 12/19/06, and GeoMet was named operator of the unit. No application for permit to drill the unit has been submitted. The petition was denied.

3. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for re-pooling of coalbed methane unit D-38, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-06-1219-1850-01. Continued from January.

In the D38 80-acre unit, the applicant claims control of 22.5% of the coal and gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 77.5% of the interests. Unleased acreage subject to pooling totals 62.0 net acres in two tracts with one unleased owner There are no conflicting claimants subject to escrow. The unit was originally pooled by GeoMet on 12/19/06, and GeoMet was named operator of the unit. No application for permit to drill the unit has been submitted. The petition was denied.

4. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for re-pooling of coalbed methane unit E-44, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-06-1219-1845-01. Continued from January.

In the E44 80-acre unit, the applicant claims control of 35.4% of the coal and gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 64.6% of the interests. Unleased acreage subject to pooling totals 51.7 net acres in one tract with eight unleased owner There are conflicting claimants subject to escrow. The unit was originally pooled by GeoMet on 12/19/06, and GeoMet was named operator of the unit. No application for permit to drill the unit has been submitted. The petition was denied.

5. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for re-pooling of coalbed methane unit F-44, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-06-1219-1844-01. Continued from January.

In the F44 80-acre unit, the applicant claims control of 32.2% of the coal and gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 68.8% of the interests. Unleased acreage subject to pooling totals 55.0 net acres in one tract with eight unleased owner There are conflicting claimants subject to escrow. The unit was originally pooled by GeoMet on 12/19/06, and GeoMet was named operator of the unit. No application for permit to drill the unit has been submitted. The petition was denied.

6. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for change of unit operator of coalbed methane unit B-40, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-06-1114-1795-01. Continued from January.

On November 14, 2006, the Board approved pooling of this unit and named GeoMet Operating Company, Inc. unit operator. Applicant is requesting the Board to remove GeoMet as operator and designate CNX Gas Company, LLC unit operator. The petition was denied.

7. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for change of unit operator of coalbed methane unit B-41, North Grundy District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-06-1114-1808-01. Continued from January.

On November 14, 2006, the Board approved pooling of this unit and named GeoMet Operating Company, Inc. unit operator. Applicant is requesting the Board to remove GeoMet as operator and designate CNX Gas Company, LLC unit operator. The petition was denied.

8. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for change of unit operator of coalbed methane unit B-42, North Grundy District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-06-1114-1793-01. Continued from January.

On November 14, 2006, the Board approved pooling of this unit and named GeoMet Operating Company, Inc. unit operator. Applicant is requesting the Board to remove GeoMet as operator and designate CNX Gas Company, LLC unit operator. The petition was denied.

9. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for change of unit operator of coalbed methane unit C-33, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-06-1114-1807-01. Continued from January.

On November 14, 2006, the Board approved pooling of this unit and named GeoMet Operating Company, Inc. unit operator. Applicant is requesting the Board to remove GeoMet as operator and designate CNX Gas Company, LLC unit operator. The petition was denied.

10. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for change of unit operator of coalbed methane unit C-39, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-06-1114-1806-01. Continued from January.

On November 14, 2006, the Board approved pooling of this unit and named GeoMet Operating Company, Inc. unit operator. Applicant is requesting the Board to remove GeoMet as operator and designate CNX Gas Company, LLC unit operator. The petition was denied.

11. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for change of unit operator of coalbed methane unit C-48, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-06-1114-1782-01. Continued from January.

On November 14, 2006, the Board approved pooling of this unit and named GeoMet Operating Company, Inc. unit operator. Applicant is requesting the Board to remove GeoMet as operator and designate CNX Gas Company, LLC unit operator. The petition was denied.

12. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for change of unit operator of coalbed methane unit G-45, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-06-1114-1787-01. Continued from January.

On November 14, 2006, the Board approved pooling of this unit and named GeoMet Operating Company, Inc. unit operator. Applicant is requesting the Board to remove GeoMet as operator and designate CNX Gas Company, LLC unit operator. The petition was denied.

13. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for change of unit operator of coalbed methane unit D-32, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-06-1114-1810-01. Continued from January.

On November 14, 2006, the Board approved pooling of this unit and named GeoMet Operating Company, Inc. unit operator. Applicant is requesting the Board to remove GeoMet as operator and designate CNX Gas Company, LLC unit operator. The petition was denied.

14. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for change of unit operator of coalbed methane unit D-45, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-06-1114-1789-01. Continued from January.

On November 14, 2006, the Board approved pooling of this unit and named GeoMet Operating Company, Inc. unit operator. Applicant is requesting the Board to remove GeoMet as operator and designate CNX Gas Company, LLC unit operator. The petition was denied.

15. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for change of unit operator of coalbed methane unit D-46, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-06-1114-1783-01. Continued from January.

On November 14, 2006, the Board approved pooling of this unit and named GeoMet Operating Company, Inc. unit operator. Applicant is requesting the Board to remove GeoMet as operator and designate CNX Gas Company, LLC unit operator. The petition was denied.

16. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for change of unit operator of coalbed methane unit E-32, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-06-1114-1809-01. Continued from January.

On November 14, 2006, the Board approved pooling of this unit and named GeoMet Operating Company, Inc. unit operator. Applicant is requesting the Board to remove GeoMet as operator and designate CNX Gas Company, LLC unit operator. The petition was denied.

17. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for change of unit operator of coalbed methane unit E-45, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-06-1114-1785-01. Continued from January.

On November 14, 2006, the Board approved pooling of this unit and named GeoMet Operating Company, Inc. unit operator. Applicant is requesting the Board to remove GeoMet as operator and designate CNX Gas Company, LLC unit operator. The petition was denied.

18. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for change of unit operator of coalbed methane unit E-46, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-06-1114-1784-01. Continued from January.

On November 14, 2006, the Board approved pooling of this unit and named GeoMet Operating Company, Inc. unit operator. Applicant is requesting the Board to remove GeoMet as operator and designate CNX Gas Company, LLC unit operator. The petition was denied.

19. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for change of unit operator of coalbed methane unit C-49, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-06-1114-1780-01. Continued from January.

On November 14, 2006, the Board approved pooling of this unit and named GeoMet Operating Company, Inc. unit operator. Applicant is requesting the Board to remove GeoMet as operator and designate CNX Gas Company, LLC unit operator. The petition was denied.

20. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from Chesapeake Appalachia LLC for creation of unit and pooling of conventional gas unit 826204, Prater District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-07-0116-1858. Continued from January.

In the 826204 112.69-acre conventional gas unit, the applicant controls 87.9% of the oil and gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 13.1% of the interests. Unleased acreage subject to pooling totals 14.9 net acres in one tract with two unleased owners. There are no unlocated owners subject to escrow. No permit to drill the unit has been submitted. Pooling was approved.

21. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from Appalachian Energy, Inc. for pooling of coalbed methane unit AE-190, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-07-0116-1863. Continued from January.

In the AE190 80.25-acre unit, the applicant controls 63.7% of the coal interests and 51.6% of the gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 36.3% of the coal interests and 48.4% of the gas interests. Unleased coal acreage totals 29.2 net acres in one tract with six unleased owner. Unleased gas acreage

totals 38.8 net acres in three tracts having 16 unleased owners. There are conflicting claimants subject to escrow. No application for permit to drill the unit has been submitted. The application was withdrawn.

22. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for disbursement of funds from escrow and authorization for direct payment of royalties on Tract 5B, Unit U-4, Prater, District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-05-0816-1487-01.

Owners of conflicting claims to coalbed methane have entered into an agreement allowing for the disbursement of escrowed funds and direct payment of future revenues. Disbursement of funds was approved.

23. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for disbursement of funds from escrow and authorization for direct payment of royalties on Tract 3A, Unit V-4, Prater, District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-05-0816-1489-01.

Owners of conflicting claims to coalbed methane have entered into an agreement allowing for the disbursement of escrowed funds and direct payment of future revenues. Disbursement of funds was approved.

24. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for pooling of coalbed methane unit B-33, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-07-0220-1867.

In the B-33 80-acre unit, the operator controls 52.1% of the coal and gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 47.9% of the interests. Unleased acreage subject to pooling totals 38.3 net acres in three tracts with 41 unleased owners. There are unlocated owners and conflicting owners subject to escrow. No application for permit to drill the unit has been submitted. The application was withdrawn.

25. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for pooling of coalbed methane unit E-38, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-07-0220-1869.

In the E-38 80-acre unit, the operator controls 81.1% of the coal and gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 18.9% of the interests. Unleased acreage subject to pooling totals 15.2 net acres in four tracts with 12 unleased owners. There are unlocated owners subject to escrow. No application for permit to drill the unit has been submitted. The application was withdrawn.

26. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for pooling of coalbed methane unit F-32, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-07-0220-1870.

In the F-32 80-acre unit, the operator controls 55.7% of the coal and gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 44.3% of the interests. Unleased acreage subject to pooling totals 35.5 net acres in three tracts with nine unleased owners. There are no unlocated owners or conflicting owners subject to escrow. No application for permit to drill the unit has been submitted. The application was withdrawn.

27. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for pooling of coalbed methane unit F-33, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-07-0220-1871.

In the F-33 80-acre unit, the operator controls 37.3% of the coal and gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 62.7% of the interests. Unleased acreage subject to pooling totals 50.1 net acres in two tracts with nine unleased owners. There are no unlocated owners or conflicting claimants subject to escrow. No application for permit to drill the unit has been submitted. The application was withdrawn.

28. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for pooling of coalbed methane unit F-34, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-07-0220-1872.

In the F-34 80-acre unit, the operator controls 34.6% of the coal and gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 65.4% of the interests. Unleased acreage subject to pooling totals 53.3 net acres in two tracts with nine unleased owners. There are no unlocated owners or conflicting claimants subject to escrow. No application for permit to drill the unit has been submitted. The application was withdrawn.

29. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for pooling of coalbed methane unit F-35, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-07-0220-1873.

In the F-35 80-acre unit, the operator controls 20.7% of the coal and gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 79.3% of the interests. Unleased acreage subject to pooling totals 63.5 net acres in one tract with one unleased owner. There are no unlocated owners or conflicting claimants subject to escrow. No application for permit to drill the unit has been submitted. The application was withdrawn.

30. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for pooling of coalbed methane unit F-36, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-07-0220-1874.

In the F-36 80-acre unit, the operator controls 21.7% of the coal and gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 78.3% of the interests. Unleased acreage subject to pooling totals 62.7 net acres in one tract with one unleased owner. There are no unlocated owners or conflicting claimants subject to escrow. No application for permit to drill the unit has been submitted. The application was withdrawn.

31. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for pooling of coalbed methane unit F-37, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-07-0220-1875.

In the F-37 80-acre unit, the operator controls 25.6% of the coal and gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 74.4% of the interests. Unleased acreage subject to pooling totals 59.6 net acres in three tracts with 12 unleased owners. There are unlocated owners and conflicting claimants subject to escrow. No application for permit to drill the unit has been submitted. The application was withdrawn.

32. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for pooling of coalbed methane unit F-38, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-07-0220-1876.

In the F-38 80-acre unit, the operator controls 17.1% of the coal and gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 82.9% of the interests. Unleased acreage subject to pooling totals 66.3 net acres in one tract with one unleased owner. There are no unlocated owners or conflicting claimants subject to escrow. No application for permit to drill the unit has been submitted. The application was withdrawn.

33. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for pooling of coalbed methane unit G-37, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-07-0220-1877.

In the G-37 80-acre unit, the operator controls 22.6% of the coal and gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 77.4% of the interests. Unleased acreage subject to pooling totals 61.9 net acres in four tracts with 15 unleased owners. There are unlocated owners subject to escrow. No application for permit to drill the unit has been submitted. The application was withdrawn.

34. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for pooling of coalbed methane unit G-38, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-07-0220-1878.

In the G-38 80-acre unit, the operator controls 53.5% of the coal and gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 46.5% of the interests. Unleased acreage subject to pooling totals 37.2 net acres in two tracts with three unleased owners. There are no unlocated owners or conflicting claimants subject to escrow. No application for permit to drill the unit has been submitted. The application was withdrawn.

35. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for pooling of coalbed methane unit YYY-32, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-07-0220-1879.

In the YYY-32 80-acre unit, the operator controls 58.5% of the coal and gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 41.5% of the interests. Unleased acreage subject to pooling totals 33.2 net acres in four tracts with 26 unleased owner. There are conflicting claimants subject to escrow. No application for permit to drill the unit has been submitted. The application was withdrawn.

36. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for pooling of coalbed methane unit ZZZ-31, Garden & North Grundy Districts, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-07-0220-1880.

In the ZZZ-31 80-acre unit, the operator controls 40.7% of the coal and gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 59.3% of the interests. Unleased acreage subject to pooling totals 47.5 net acres in three tracts with 12 unleased owner. There are conflicting claimants subject to escrow. No application for permit to drill the unit has been submitted. The application was withdrawn.

37. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC for a well location exception for proposed well 826107, Prater District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-07-0220-1882.

The applicant seeks an exception in order to drill a conventional well closer to four existing wells than allowed under statewide spacing. The proposed well is to be 61 feet closer to existing Chesapeake gas well 25400, 281 feet closer to proposed Chesapeake gas well 826114, 266 feet closer to existing Chesapeake gas well 25615, and 105 feet closer to existing Chesapeake gas well 25197 than the 2500 feet mandated by spacing. The exception is needed because of surface constraints and to minimize impact on future coal mining. An application for permit to drill this location has been submitted. The location exception was approved.

38. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC for a well location exception for proposed well 826290, Prater District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-07-0220-1883.

The applicant seeks an exception in order to drill a conventional well closer to an existing well than allowed under statewide spacing. The proposed well is to be 515 feet closer to existing Chesapeake gas well 826167 than the 2500 feet mandated by spacing. The exception is needed because of terrain, existing water bodies, and to minimize impact on coal and surface estates. An application for permit to drill this location has been submitted. The location exception was approved.

39. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC for a well location exception for proposed well 826096, Rocklick District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-07-0220-1884.

The applicant seeks an exception in order to drill a conventional well closer to an existing well than allowed under statewide spacing. The proposed well is to be 207 feet closer to existing Chesapeake gas well 826095 than the 2500 feet mandated by spacing. The exception is needed to minimize environmental impact and coal estates. An application for permit to drill this location has been submitted. The location exception was approved.

40. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from Equitable Production Company for pooling of coalbed methane unit VC-536171, New Garden District, Russell County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-07-0220-1885.

In the VC-536171 58.77-acre unit, the operator controls 82.1% of the coal and gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 17.9% of the interests. Unleased acreage subject to pooling totals 10.5 net acres in one tract with two unleased owners. There are unlocated owners subject to escrow. No application for permit to drill the unit has been submitted. Pooling was approved.

41. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from Equitable Production Company for pooling of coalbed methane unit VC-537246, Ervinton District, Dickenson County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-07-0220-1886.

In the VC-537246 58.77-acre unit, the applicant controls 100% of the coal interests and 88.3% of the gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 11.7% of the gas interests. Unleased gas acreage totals 46.9 net acres in one tract having one unleased owner. There are conflicting claimants subject to escrow. An application for permit to drill the unit has been submitted. The application was withdrawn.

42. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from Equitable Production Company for pooling of coalbed methane unit VC-536620, Prater District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-07-0220-1887.

In the VC-536620 58.77-acre unit, the applicant controls 94.4% of the coal interests and 18.7% of the gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 5.6% of the coal interests and 81.3% of the gas interests. Unleased coal acreage totals 3.3 net acres in one tract with one unleased owner. Unleased gas acreage totals 47.8 net acres in two tracts having two unleased owners. There are conflicting claimants and unlocated owners subject to escrow. A permit to drill the unit was issued on 6/7/06. Pooling was approved.

43. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from Equitable Production Company for pooling of coalbed methane unit VC-537150, Lipps District, Wise County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-07-0220-1888.

In the VC-537150 58.89-acre unit, the applicant controls 100% of the coal interests and 99.8% of the gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 0.2% of the gas interests. Unleased gas acreage totals 0.1 net acres in one tract having four unleased owners. There are conflicting claimants subject to escrow. A permit to drill the unit was issued 11/28/06. Pooling was approved.

44. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from Equitable Production Company for pooling of coalbed methane unit VC-537144, Lipps District, Wise County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-07-0220-1889.

In the VC-537144 58.89-acre unit, the applicant controls 100% of the coal interests and 99.98% of the gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 0.02% of the gas interests. Unleased gas acreage totals 0.01 net acres in one tract having four unleased owners. There are conflicting claimants and unknown owners subject to escrow. An application for permit to drill the unit has been submitted. Pooling was approved.

45. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from Equitable Production Company for pooling of coalbed methane unit VC-537621, Kenady District, Dickenson County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-07-0220-1890.

In the VC-537621 58.77-acre unit, the applicant controls 100% of the coal interests and 85.7% of the gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 14.3% of the gas interests. Unleased gas acreage totals 8.4 net acres in five tracts having 15 unleased owners. There are conflicting claimants subject to escrow. An application for permit to drill the unit has been submitted. Pooling was approved.

46. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from Equitable Production Company for pooling of coalbed methane unit VC-537628, Kenady District, Dickenson County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-07-0220-1891.

In the VC-537628 58.77-acre unit, the applicant controls 100% of the coal interests and 80.8% of the gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 19.2% of the gas interests. Unleased gas acreage totals 11.3 net acres in two tracts having seven unleased owners. There are conflicting claimants and unlocated owners subject to escrow. An application for permit to drill the unit has been submitted. Pooling was approved.

47. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard a petition from Equitable Production Company for modification of the Nora Coalbed Field Rules to allow drilling of an additional well in units BH50, BJ51, BH52, BH53, BI53, BG54, BH54, BI54, BG55, BH55, BI55 in the Ervinton District, Dickenson County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-89-0126-0009-07.

The applicant seeks to modify the Nora Coalbed Field rules to allow for drilling of multiple wells in each 60-acre unit. The field rule modification was approved.

The Virginia Gas and Oil Board heard public comments regarding Board matters immediately following the final Docket item. Two royalty owners spoke to the Board concerning poor reporting by operators, altered maps and plats, and lack of responsiveness by operators.

The deadline for filing of petitions to the Board for the March 2007 hearing is 5 p.m., Friday, February 16, 2007 with the hearing scheduled for 9 a.m. on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center, Abingdon, Virginia.